

continues to be used as a primary source of statistically based design allowables for metallic materials and fastened joints used in the U.S. military and commercial aerospace design.

The FAA acknowledges the value of MIL-HDBK-5, and now the MMPDS, to commercial aircraft certification and maintenance of the commercial fleet. However, as such, the FAA's current budget constraints make continued funding of MMPDS uncertain.

How To Obtain Copies

You may get a copy of the proposed Handbook from the Internet at: <http://www.faa.gov/certification/aircraft/DraftDoc/CommNotice.htm>. You may also request a copy from Mr. John J. Petrakis. See the section entitled "**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**" for the complete address.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement No. ANM-01-111-165]

Certification of Power Supply systems for Portable Electronic Devices on Part 25 Airplanes

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of final policy statement.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of final policy on certification of power supply systems for portable electronic devices on part 25 airplanes.

DATES: This final policy was issued by the transport Airplane Directorate on March 18, 2005.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Stephen Slotte, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Airplane and flight Crew Interface Branch, ANM-111, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-2315; fax (425) 227-1320; e-mail: steve.slotte@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

Disposition of Comments

A notice of proposed policy was published in the **Federal Register** on

August 27, 2001. Seven (7) commenters responded to the request for comments.

Background

One of the purposes of this and other policy is to communicate acceptable methods of compliance with the part 25 rules. The compliance methods discussed in this policy should be applied to type, amended, supplemental, and amended supplemental type certification programs whose application date is on or after the date of the policy is finalized. For existing certification programs whose application precedes the date this policy is effective and the methods of compliance have already been coordinated with and approved by the FAA or their designee, the applicant may continue to follow the previously acceptable methods of compliance or choose to follow the guidance contained in this policy.

The policy contained in the memorandum should be applied to all transport airplane programs for an acceptable method of compliance with 14 CFR part 25 for power supply systems (PSS) installed in part 25 airplanes for use with passenger-provided carry-on devices or portable electronic devices (PED). Portable electronic devices include but are not limited to portable computers, hand-held computing devices, and hand-held gaming devices. These guidelines are applicable to PSS intended for use with PED and are independent of the PSS outlet location (e.g., seat, wall, or cabinet mounted) and apply only to the electrical aspects of PSS for PED.

This policy does not cover the approval or the use of these devices or any interconnecting means used to power such equipment onboard an airplane. This guidance covers low voltage and high voltage systems.

The final policy as well as the disposition of public comments received is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://airweb.faa.gov.rgl>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the policy by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

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DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION

Federal Aviation Administration

[Policy Statement No. ANM-115-05-005]

Policy Statement on Acceptance of a Component Method To Demonstrate Compliance With § 25.562(c)(2) for placement Seat Bottom Cushions

AGENCY: Federal Aviation Administration (FAA), DOT.

ACTION: Notice of proposed policy; request for comments.

SUMMARY: The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) announces the availability of proposed policy on a component method for demonstrating that a seat with a replacement bottom cushion complies with § 25.562(c)(2). This policy addresses non-flotation monolithic (single layer) cushions.

DATES: Send your comments on or before May 11, 2005.

ADDRESSES: Address your comments to the individual identified under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Michael T. Thompson, Federal Aviation Administration, Transport Airplane Directorate, Transport Standards Staff, Standardization Branch, ANM-113, 1601 Lind Avenue, SW., Renton, WA 98055-4056; telephone (425) 227-1157; fax (425) 227-1232; e-mail: Michael.t.thompson@faa.gov.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:

Comments Invited

The proposed policy memorandum is available on the Internet at the following address: <http://www.airweb.faa.gov.rgl>. If you do not have access to the Internet, you can obtain a copy of the proposed policy memorandum by contacting the person listed under **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**.

The FAA invites your comments on this proposed policy memorandum. We will accept your comments, data, views, or arguments by letter, fax, or e-mail. Send your comments to the person indicated in **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT**. mark your comments, "Comments to Policy Statement No. [insert memorandum number]."

Use the following format when preparing your comments:

- Organize your comments issue-by-issue.
- For each issue, state what specific change you are requesting to the proposed policy.
- Include justification, reasons, or data for each change you are requesting. We also welcome comments in support of the proposed policy.